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1. DURING RECENT VISIT OF EUR/NE DIRECTOR ROBERT FUNSETH, BOTH GOVERNOR AND PREMIER RAISED QUESTION OF 300-MAN BERMUDA REGIMENT USING US-BASED TRAINING FACILITIES FOR ANNUAL TRAINING EXERCISES CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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JAMAICA (REFTEL A). AS A RESULT, WE HAVE CONDUCTED INFORMAL INTERAGENCY LIAISON, AND WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER A FORMAL REQUEST TO THIS END. AS A FIRST STEP, YOU SHOULD SEEK WRITTEN REQUEST FROM GOVERNOR INCLUDING DETAILS ON SIZE OF GROUP, TIME AND DURATION OF ANNUAL EXERCISE, EXTENT OF FACILITIES AND TRAINING DESIRED, ETC.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM REFTEL A THAT GOB PREPARED TO DEFRAY

TRANSPORTATION AND SUBSISTENCE COSTS. GOB SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MAY BE OTHER COSTS AS WELL, INCLUDING, COSTS OF TRAINING ITSELF, WITH DETAILS BEING SUBJECT TO FAVORABLE CONCLUSION OF AN FMS CONTRACT. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT UK WOULD SIGN SUCH CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF GOB. WE WILL ALSO NEED TO KNOW THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BERMUDA REGIMENT'S FUNCTIONS AND THOSE OF CIVILIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY OTHER UNITS IN THE ISLAND AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NEW CABINET PORTFOLIO MENTIONED IN

HAMILTON 133.

3. WITH MORE SPECIFICS IN HAND PER PARA THREE, REFTEL A, AND A FORMAL REQUEST BY GOB AND/OR UK, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ARRANGE VISIT OF DOD OR CINCLANT REP TO ENGAGE IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVERNOR LEADING TO FINALIZING A SALE.

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